mand, alleging the matters listed in the Question. Director Defence Estates, Central Command has been directed to look into the complaint and furnish a report.

Incidents of unprovoked firing by Pak Troops across line of actual control

704. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of incidents of unprovoked firing by Pakistani troops across the line of actual control during each month from September to November, 1991;

(b) the number of persons including women, children and other civilians killed/injured in these incidents; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Exchange of fire between the Pakistani and the Indian troops across the Line of Control is virtually endemic in nature. There were 237 such incidents in September, 200 in October, and 98 upto the 20th November, 1991. The number of civilian casualities in these incidents have been as follows:

Month	Killed	Wounded
September, 1991	5	19
October, 1991	—	2
November, 1991 (Upto 20th)	—	—

(c) In order to de-escalate the situation, an understanding was reached between the Directors General of Military Operations of the two countries not to use heavy calibre weapons from the 16th October 1991. Except for a serious incident of firing by Pakistani troops using heavy calibre weapons which took place in the Kargil Sector on the 24-25th October, 1991, there appears a general decline in the incidents/volume of fire exchanged between the two sides since then.

HAL's egotiations with Boeing Group for manufacture of supersonic Transport Aircraft

705. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has been negotiating with the Boeing Group for the manufacture of supersonic transport aircraft;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the salient features of the proposed aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No Sir,

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Attack by Pakistani Forces in Kargil Sector of P&K

706. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH:
SHR KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a major attack was made by Pakistan military forces on Indian military base in the Kargil sector in Kashmir on the 26th October, 1991;

(b) what kind of weapons were used by Pakistani forces in the above attack;

(c) what is the number of casulaties on both the Indian and Pakistan side;

(d) whether the above attack by Pakistan was a violation of recent Islamabad accord; and

(e) the measures taken by Government to strengthen Indo-Pak border areas?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) There was no incident on the 26th Oct. 91. However, there was a serious incident